

Minutes.....June 11, 2001

10:00 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Monday, June 11, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman  
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(183) In the matter of T-01.9.PCN; On April 12, 2001 Charles R. Morgan dba Anaconda Taxi, Anaconda, Montana filed an application for a Certificate of Public convenience and Necessity. Parties have stipulated to the following grant of authority:

Class B – Passengers within Anaconda, Montana and points and places within a fifty (50) mile radius thereof. LIMITATIONS: 1) Transportation as a limousine or bus is prohibited. 2) Transportation of passengers originating within the City Limits of Butte, Montana is prohibited.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the stipulated grant of authority. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(184) In the matter of TN2100; Valley County Transit, Glasgow, Montana requests cancellation and termination of PSC No. 9409 effective June 29, 2001.

SUB A Class A - Passengers between Glasgow, Montana and Glendive, Montana serving the following intermediate points: Wolf Point, Poplar, Culbertson, Fairview and, Sidney, with on-call service to Frazer, Brockton, Savage and Amtrak, in Wolf Point, Montana.

Commissioner Brainard moved to approve the cancellation and termination. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(185) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of June 4, 2001. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

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1:00 p.m.

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Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Robin McHugh

(186) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Montana Power Company's sale to Northwestern, Docket No. D2001.1.5; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue an order finding the filing deficient and requesting for more information. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Robin McHugh

(187) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the implementation of HB 645 / Electric Power Pool, Docket No. D2001.3.30; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the draft Notice of Commission Action. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Martin Jacobson

(188) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Treeline Springs, L.L.C., Docket No. D98.12.289; Commissioner Brainard moved to extend the initial interim rates. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, Eric Eck, Robin McHugh

(189) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the petition for integration of Energy Northwest, Inc. into Flathead Electric Cooperative, Docket No. D2001.5.56; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the petition for integration. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Kate Whitney, Marla Larson

(190) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Qwest's application for 271 approval, Docket No. D2000.5.70; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Preliminary Report on Qwest's Compliance with Checklist Items 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, and Request for Comments on Findings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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APPEARANCE

No staff members

(191) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the appointment of a Commissioner to the Transition Advisory Committee; Commissioner Feland moved to appoint Commissioner Brainard as the PSC's member to the TAC. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Wayne Budt, Susan Good, David Hoffman

(192) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of strategic planning; Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the contracts of David Wirick/NRRI and Karen Seiler/Corporate Consultants.. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Chairman Feland, Commissioners Anderson, Brainard and Rowe voted aye. Vice Chairman Stovall dissented.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the contract with Jim Kerins/Communication & Management Services, L.L.C. Commissioner Rowe seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-1. Chairman Feland, Vice Chairman Stovall, Commissioners Brainard and Rowe voted aye. Commissioner Anderson dissented.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

Minutes.....June 14, 2001

8:30 a.m.

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on June 14, 2001, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman  
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman  
Bob Anderson, Commissioner  
Matt Brainard, Commissioner, via telephone  
Bob Rowe, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Will Rosquist, David Hoffman

(193) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the implementation of HB 645 / Electric Power Pool, Docket No. D2001.3.30; Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the Notice to the large customers. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to allocate the power on an equal basis. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which was not voted on. Discussion lead to Commissioner Anderson moving to allocate the power according to the proportional load. Commissioner Feland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rowe moved to issue the notice requesting comments. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GARY FELAND, Chairman

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JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

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BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

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MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

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BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons  
Commission Secretary  
(SEAL)